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Raising Funds for Victims

A coffee morning was hosted by Warminster United Church on Saturday in aid of the Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund (ZVSF)

Lots of tea and coffee together with cakes and biscuits served by enthusiastic volunteers made for a very pleasant morning where visitors could enjoy a convivial chat with friends. The bric-a-brac and book stalls provided an interesting variety of items to peruse and buy. The coffee morning was organised by Pam Copeland and her husband Derrik.

Derrik said, "We lived in Zimbabwe for more than 30 years and we saw the many changes that took place during that time.

"We're very conscious of the situation of the many poor people who live there. The Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund distributes mainly food for those who are hungry and in need, living in the south of the country.

"We had a very successful morning and once again the people of Warminster have shown great generosity in their support for this very worthwhile cause. The ZVSF was founded around 12 years ago with the aim of supporting some of the most vulnerable and desperate people to be found there. The fund is now a registered British charity and was set up as a partnership between those directly involved in the relief of hunger



A very busy coffee morning at the Warminster United Church



Derrik Copeland and volunteer Karen Wollard supporting the Zimbabwe Victims' Support Fund



Joan Jones with a very happy customer at her bric-a-brac stall



Readers were spoilt for choice with a range of books for sale

and the extreme hardship and Christian friends in the UK who wanted to help and support the relief efforts

Supporters and donors come from a range of churches and people from many denominations across the country and abroad. When the ZVSF was started it was not anticipated that there would still be the serious problems that there are today. The current suffering there is still widespread.

Volunteers distribute maize meal on occasions putting their own safety at risk to some of Zimbabwe's poor vulnerable and displaced people.